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## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Herb Rushman on 6/7/2007.

The application has been amended as follows: "extending" in line 11 of claim 1 has been removed.

## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the references of record either alone or in proper combination disclose a double-layer vacuum container including the limitations of having a cover member covering both a portion of an outer wall and an externally exposed bridging member and a supporting member to support said bridging member at a plurality of positions around a bridging member axis without contacting the entire circumference of the bridging member.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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## **CONCLUSION**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher B. McKinley whose telephone number is (571) 272-3370. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM - 3:30 AM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Stashick can be reached on (571) 272-4561. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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